COVID-19 Info & Campus Resources

Here are the locations where you can stay up to date on things that you need to know:

- University updates will be posted to the COVID-19 website: https://protect.purdue.edu/
- The academic assistance programs that students depend on while on campus continue to be available remotely.
- The Office of the Dean of Students is here to help students navigate challenges they are experiencing both personally and academically.

Hardship Appeal Deadline - August 1

The deadline for students to submit a hardship appeal to change their enrollment from residential to online OR online to residential is August 1, 11:50pm ET. Students can submit a Significant Hardship request via the Protect Purdue contact form. Be sure to select “Request a significant hardship accommodation - online and residential experience” from the topic dropdown. If the university agrees that a significant hardship has occurred, then the student may request to convert their on-campus registration to the online option. There will be no guarantee that a full schedule of classes will be possible. Petitions submitted after August 1, 2020, 11:59pm ET will not be approved. Decisions are on a rolling basis. Students should know if they submitted the appeal correctly when they receive the confirmation email within one business day.

Hardships that are approved on or before August 7, 2020 will be entitled to a conversion of tuition and fees from the on-campus rates to the rates associated with the online option. The student’s cost of attendance and financial aid calculations will be adjusted. The student may completely cancel their university housing contract, including any meal plan, without any penalty or cancellation fee.

Remote Covid-19 Testing - Emails to students being sent this week

The university is sending instruction via email to students about how to be tested for Covid-19 prior to arrival to campus. Testing is required. You should receive full instructions no later than this Friday, July 31. If after carefully reading that email you still have questions, please refer to:
Required COVID Testing FAQs
Testing and Tracing General Info

College of Engineering COVID-19 Resources

The college of Engineering has compiled a list of resources to provide students with help during these tough times. The aim is to bring what Engineering students need to know to one place, so they have collected and compiled a list of resources that should be helpful and relevant. This list is updated regularly. With the situation evolving, questions and needs might shift; if there is a resource you are not seeing and/or you feel would be beneficial to include, you can let them know here and they will update as appropriate. The list can be found here.
College of Engineering Scholarships

The College of Engineering awards around $3.8 million in scholarships annually to undergraduate students in the college and professional schools, including both those designed to address financial need as defined by the FAFSA as well as those that do not require demonstration of need. These scholarships are provided by the generosity of our alumni, friends and corporate engagement. Every scholarship endowment/gift is pivotal to transforming the lives of future Purdue Engineers and providing the means to succeed. Visit here to find up to date scholarships and related resources.

PESC COVID-19 Scholarship

Purdue Engineering Student Council is awarding scholarships to students enrolled in the College of Engineering for Fall 2020. With many internships being canceled and the job market shifting, they understand that many students have felt economic consequences from COVID-19 that could affect their ability to pay for their education in some form or another. To help students who have been financially impacted by COVID-19, PESC has created the COVID-19 Scholarship Fund. The application can be found here. This scholarship aims to award $1,500 to each recipient. The application is due Friday, August 21 at 11:59 pm EST. Any questions regarding this scholarship or the application can be directed to pesc@ecn.purdue.edu.

“So, Now What?” Information Sessions*

The CCO has planned an outreach effort for students entitled, “So, Now What? Career Planning and Professional Development during the Global Pandemic.” The session will be offered on 3 separate occasions to accommodate students in varying time zones across the globe. You can find all of the necessary details within the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter. WebEx links for all of the available workshops can be found here. This opportunity for students will allow them to receive practical and timely insight on their job search and professional development. The first workshop will be held July 30th at 8:00 am.

Discovery Park Announces DURI projects for Fall 2020

Discovery Park has posted new research projects for Fall 2020 as part of the Discovery Park Undergraduate Research Internship (DURI). The DURI program provides opportunities for undergraduate students to work with Discovery Park-affiliated faculty on cutting-edge research in the areas of global security, health, and sustainability. Here, solutions will be researched by combining faculty and students with two or more distinct disciplinary strengths. Undergraduates can see the current list of DURI projects and apply for the Fall 2020 session on the DURI website. The student application deadline is August 10. Faculty project supervisors will then review all eligible student applications before making final selections. Students will be notified of their acceptance after that date, with a target of the first day of classes (August 24).

EEE Professor, Inez Hua, has a project listed under the Global Sustainability category. To learn more about Professor Hua’s project click here. To find out information about all of the available DURI projects you can go here. Instructions for students on how to apply for a DURI can be found here. Students selected this fall will be responsible for pursuing their research projects. The Internship will culminate with a poster presentation in the Fall Research Expo and a one-page abstract/summary of their results. Assuming all requirements are met, each participating student will earn a $1,000 fall semester fellowship from the DURI program. For more information, see https://purdue.edu/dp/duri or email duristudent@purdue.edu.

Foreign Language Placement Testing

The Language department is pleased to announce that they have been able to roll out a fully-online SLC Language Placement Test. For details you can visit their page here. Once at the page, students will be able to download a manual with step-by-step instructions. The test is up and running continuously. It may take a few business days for tests to be reviewed and placement results to be validated. Once validated, scores will be uploaded to Banner and SharePoint, as before. The official name of the test has been changed from “Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT)” to “SLC Language Placement Test (SLCLPT)”. Questions about placement test related issues can be sent to: slcplace@purdue.edu.
Steps to Leaps Lunch and Learns

Do you want to hear about how departments are going to serve you this upcoming semester? Come join in on our Steps to Leaps Student Lunch and Learns! Student Lunch and Learns are ways for students to learn about various topics from cultural awareness to work life balance. Steps to Leaps provides direction toward the tools at Purdue that can help bolster students’ fortitude and success. You can learn more about the program here. A recording of a previous Student Lunch and Learn with the Latino Cultural Center can be found here. On August 3 from 1:00-1:30, the Black Cultural Center (BCC) will be hosting the next session. Come and hear how the BCC will offer programs in our new paradigm that support all of the Steps to Leaps Pillars including how to build your network. To RSVP to the event click here. To Join the WebEx click here.

Purdue Dining & Culinary Jobs

Purdue Dining & Culinary is currently hiring student employees for the fall. Positions are flexible and the department will work with scheduling around student classes. Most students work 10-12 hours a week. Students who work for Dining & Culinary gain skills in time management, communication and teamwork. All of which are great to use on a resume. Students interested in student employment can go to the dining page here.
So, Now What?

Career Planning and Professional Development During the Global Pandemic

Purdue CCO’s interactive presentation is tailored for undergraduate students, both domestic and international, and describes/shares resources and strategies on how to successfully navigate the job search and access professional development opportunities during these unprecedented times. It will be offered on three (3) separate occasions to better accommodate students no matter where they are in the world.

Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:00 – 9:00am EST
https://purdue.webex.com/purdue/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9ee01a95e1d2c0a806f54d2fe01c947

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 3:00 – 4:00pm EST
https://purdue.webex.com/purdue/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2b155f783ff1c29fe37f8de0188402e1

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:30 – 7:30pm EST
https://purdue.webex.com/purdue/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9be29e9ae1d56f71333a4f33ac7c697

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